

Collision Between Two Commercial Vehicles Leads to Wrongful Death

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A commercial driver was killed Monday morning when the truck he was driving collided with an ADT Alarm System van. The [fatal accident](#) occurred at 10:38 a.m. at the intersection of Slaughter Road and Alabama Highway 20, which is just outside the Redstone Arsenal complex.

According to police, the 30-year-old man was driving a 1989 Nissan commercial truck for Shepard Signs & Graphics of Huntsville at the time of the wreck. He was carrying a 22-year-old passenger in the truck.

As the truck reached the intersection of Slaughter Road and the Huntsville Decatur Highway, his truck collided with a commercial van operated by ADT Alarm Systems. The cause of the truck accident is not yet known, and the progression of events is still under investigation.

The 30-year-old driver of the truck was transported to Huntsville Hospital shortly after the crash. He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

The 22-year-old passenger in the truck was also taken to Huntsville Hospital. He was transported by HEMSI, and a Huntsville Times reporter was able to obtain information from HEMSI's chief operations officer that the young man's injuries were non-life-threatening.

The driver of the ADT van was apparently not injured.

It is unknown whether the 22-year-old passenger was also an employee of Shepard Signs & Graphics. If he was, his medical bills should be covered by workers' compensation, although he may also be entitled to bring a personal injury claim should it turn out that the driver of the ADT van was at fault. The wrongful death of the driver will likely be compensated by workers' compensation death benefits to his survivors.

[Motor vehicle accidents](#) involving injuries -- and particularly those involving a wrongful death -- are always tragic. It is important to remember that work-related car and truck accidents are a leading cause of on-the-job injuries. Please drive safely.

Source: The Huntsville Times, "[Man killed in morning wreck at Slaughter Road and Alabama 20](#)," Victoria Cumbow, January 3, 2011